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## 'Stay Marine' goals met early

BY STAFF SGT. B. J. SWENSON  
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The Marine Corps has met its first-term force retention goal for a 12th consecutive year and its subsequent-term goal for a fourth year. But this year marks a special occasion with the speed in which the goal has been met.

Eight months into the fiscal year, the Marine Corps achieved its goals for both the First Term Alignment and Subsequent Term Alignment Programs. This year's goal was 5,949 FTAP reenlistments and 5,079 STAP reenlistments, and the Marine Corps has attained 100.2 percent and 109.4 percent, respectively as of early July.

"Marines realize they are part of something special," said Lt. Col. Mark Menotti, deputy head of Manpower Management Enlisted Assignments 6. "They realize they are part of a significant part of history, just like their grandfathers in World War II and their fathers in Vietnam."

Menotti attributed some of the early success to the tangible offer of re-enlistment bonuses, but added that ultimately Marines just want to be Marines.

"Marines want to be challenged," Menotti added. "They are also willing to make the sacrifices needed to take on those challenges and be a Marine."

Early success in Fiscal 2005 retention goals has allowed Man-

power and Reserve Affairs to begin accepting applications for Fiscal 2006 reenlistments.

"I want to make sure first-term Marines looking at reenlisting this year still submit their packages because we still have more than 180 boat spaces for FY '05 available."

According to Menotti, certain military occupational specialties expected to be priority fills are given larger allocations. But as the year progresses, some specialties that weren't expected to fill early are filled before areas that were deemed priorities at the beginning of the year. This leaves numerous allocations in the job fields that were expected to be priority fills.

Menotti also said the use of assigning alternates to some priority specialties has also helped meet the goal.

"In some areas that we know we need to ensure all boat spaces are filled, we will assign alternates just in case a Marine decides not to reenlist, even though he has applied for retention," Menotti said. "It happens every year."

Menotti said hundreds of Fiscal 2006 applications have already been received and are currently being processed.

"They won't be officially accepted until Oct. 1, 2006, but they are being processed," Menotti said. "Which looks like it will get our 2006 campaign off to a great start."

## MARINE BAND | SONGS AT SUNSET



Cpl. Luke A. Mendoza, flutist, performs in Marine Band San Diego's annual sunset concert at Pendleton Hall. The concert, themed "American Composers," gave bandsmen a chance to play several genres and styles, instead of their usual military marching music. See story, pg. 4. Cpl. Jared M. Padula/Combat Camera

## Historical society awards \$500 scholarships to three NCOs



Janet Smith, widow of Col. Nathan Smith, presented scholarships named after her late husband Tuesday to Sgt. Corey Ferguson, left, Sgt. Joshua Woods and Cpl. Adam Arellano. Cpl. Jess Levens/Chevron

BY CPL. JESS LEVENS  
Chevron staff

The depot's command museum historical society gave three \$500 college scholarships to Marines during a breakfast Tuesday morning at Duncan Hall.

The noncommissioned officers attending Marine Enlisted Commissioning Program Preparatory School here applied and wrote an essay to earn the three-year-old scholarship named for Col. Nathan Smith, who passed away in 2003.

Retired chaplain Victor Krulak Jr. gave some history on Col. Smith and the scholarship. He also told about the process of choosing the winners.

"We've all done our homework," said Krulak about the judges. "We go in there ready to fight for our candidates."

He also explained they research the applicants so thoroughly, that they usually have the same candidates picked, thus making the process easier.

Krulak then introduced the late colonel's wife, Janet Smith, who presented the scholarships. Sgts. Corey Ferguson and Joshua Woods and Cpl. Adam Arellano each approached Mrs. Smith to claim their scholarships.

"I'm very excited to win this scholarship," said

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### RECRUIT SPOTLIGHT

British immigrant embraces American culture and enlists in Marine Corps.

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RTR continues its dominance as another CG's Cup event kicks off.

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**Scholarships, from pg. 1**  
Arellano, 25. “I applied for this one in particular because it’s from the historical society, and with as much as they do, I’d love to put their help to good use.”  
Arellano, a fighter jet electrician, plans to attend the University of Utah to study business and information systems.  
The most common use for the scholarship among the recipients are books.  
“The (Montgomery) G.I. Bill pays for tuition, but not books in MECEP,” said 24-year-old Ferguson, a public affairs major at Auburn University, Ala. “The cost of books is just under \$500, so this scholarship will be perfect.”

# Commission aspirants get more college credits in prep school

BY LANCE CPL. DORIAN GARDNER  
*Chevron staff*

Marine Enlisted Commissioning Education Program Preparatory School students here recently added more optional courses good for college credits from New Hampshire Technical Institute and Plymouth State University.  
Additionally, the University of San Diego has opened its state-of-the-art laboratories for the first time to MECEP Prep students. USD teachers’ assistants join the Marine students and professors Thursday evenings for physics and chemistry experiments.



Sgt. Ethan Copping and a fellow MECEP Preparatory School student experiment with physics July 7 at a University of San Diego laboratory to earn college credits for MECEP Prep science classes. At Copping’s recent lab visit, he learned to calculate velocity by trajectory and averaging its speed and distance.



After some instruction by Lt. Col. William G. Wickun, head science instructor at MECEP Preparatory School, students went to work in a University of San Diego laboratory July 7. Students determined specific heats of certain metals by calorimetry, an apparatus used to measure quantities of absorbed or evolved heat. Lance Cpl. Dorian Gardner/Chevron photos

The courses are not USD curriculum, but the East Coast schools giving the credit require the labs hours.  
“I think USD has enjoyed having the Marines so far,” said school director Lt. Col. Michael I. Moffett. “The Marines are on time, and they always clean up. This is the first year that we have access to labs

for chemistry and physics. USD has been very responsive and wonderful to work with.”  
The new lab opportunities offer a head start to those majoring in science and engineering, according to science instructor Lt. Col. William G. Wickun, MECEP Prep School.  
Though the MECEP Prep School is not an accredited institution, students can register to earn credits with the two partner schools before prep school starts. MECEP, which only had two accredited courses in 2003 and six last year, now has nine.  
Each lab course counts for four credits, allowing students to work toward degrees more so than ever. However, the college atmosphere is out of the norm for most Marines.  
“It’s a big change,” said Sgt. Matthew Wijas. “I am used to just worrying about taking care of my Marines and getting my job done. Now I am just worried about passing.”  
Classes like physics and chemistry also teach students practices they can use in life, which they are able to see first-hand in labs.  
“A lot of the stuff they learn here they can apply to everyday life,” said Charles A. Koehler, USD chemistry department. “Many of them did not know that salt lowers the temperature of water. They can use that next time they are cooking or boiling water.”  
By obtaining early credits at MECEP, Marines are able to get through college quicker and earn lieutenant bars sooner.  
“Every MECEP student will take the courses, but not all of them want or need the credits right now,” said Moffett. “If they want to register through the college for the credit, they now have the choice. I have a student who is working on 17 credits right now.”  
Moffett continued: “The value of these academic partnerships is that they can save Marines millions of dollars in reduced tuition expenses over time while getting MECEP officers back to uniformed duty sooner.”  
Cpl. Jess Levens contributed to this report.

Twenty-two-year-old Woods agreed with Ferguson.  
“I know at San Diego State (University), \$500 covers about two semesters of books, said Woods, a psychology major who wants to become a pilot once commissioned. “It could also cover four semesters of campus parking. Either way, it will help a lot.”  
Col. Smith’s daughter, Jean Smith, said she was very pleased with the scholarship presentations.  
“My father, who was very active with the historical society, had a passion for knowledge and learning,” she said. “He was always looking for more, and I think the scholarships are an excellent way to carry on his name and memory. He wanted nothing more than for Marines to keep learning.”

## BRIEFS

### NYPD entrance exam

The New York City Police Department will conduct an entrance examination tomorrow at 11 a.m. at Burke Hall, Bldg. 626. The department will keep test scores on file indefinitely, allowing applicants to fulfill service obligations.  
For more information on “Policing in New York City Career Seminar - San Diego” call (800) 550-3836 or visit [www.nypdrecruit.com](http://www.nypdrecruit.com).

### All hands combat stress and PTSD brief

Navy Capt. Bill Nash, Operational Stress Control and Readiness Psychiatrist, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, will conduct an all-hands briefing Monday regarding combat stress and Post Traumatic Stress Disorder at McDougal Hall.  
This multi-faceted briefing is split in two sessions and is designed to promote awareness of combat stress and PTSD issues to help service members become aware and knowledgeable. In addition to Nash’s presentation, a depot representative will discuss options available locally. The brief for officers and staff noncommissioned officers starts at 10:30 a.m., and sergeants and below will attend the 1:30 p.m. session.

### Curb conflict, anger, stress

The Family Advocacy Program’s prevention and education department is offering separate classes to curb conflict, anger and stress this summer at the Family Service Center in Bldg. 14 West. Participants must register. For more information, call (619) 524-1200 or 524-0465.  
• A one-hour **conflict resolution** class Aug. 2 at 1 p.m. will teach how to maintain self-respect and improve character at home and at work.  
• A one-hour **stress management** class, Aug. 9 at 1 p.m. will teach how to reverse burnout by evoking relaxation.  
• A four-part **anger management** class Aug. 2, 9, 16 and 23, from 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. will teach basic techniques on self-control and expression.

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The Commanding General’s Cup is halfway done, and the race for first has been a close one. Here are this year’s remaining events:

- **6-on-6 Outdoor Soccer, Aug. 16** (coaches meet Aug. 8)
- **Sand Volleyball, Sept. 27** (coaches meet Sept. 19)
- **Bowling League, Oct. 3** (coaches meet Sept. 26)
- **Powerlifting Tournament, Nov. 15** (coaches meet Nov. 7)
- **Turkey Trot, Nov. 22**
- **3-on-3 Basketball, Nov. 29** (coaches meet Nov. 21)
- **Field Meet, Dec. 9**

# PES & FitReps: Unintended signals can cause unintended consequences

SGT. MAJ. DOUG CASTLE  
*Contributing writer*

The more I travel around the Marine Corps discussing the Performance Evaluation System and the fitness report, the more I am convinced there are certain aspects of reporting procedures that are being either misinterpreted or just plain overlooked.  
I want to share some of the more prevalent issues we see here at Personnel Management Support Branch on a routine basis. Some of these issues often send unintended signals to the selection board members. Unintended signals often come with unintended consequences.  
As I brief, I take notice of my audience’s reaction to what is being said. For instance, when I get to the part about not resetting relative value, it most often elicits a shift in body position, a raised eyebrow, etc.  
By not resetting RV, I am discussing what happens when a reporting senior either resigns or retires from their respective service. We do not reset RV once a RS’s occupation/employment changes. If a RS resigns or retires and continues to author fitness reports, the RS will continue with their respective RV they had developed throughout their military career.  
We have not reset profiles as reporting officials do in the

Army. In the Army PES, a realization that one has been marking too high – or too low – can lead to a request for resetting profiles, which the Army does upon request. This philosophy will not be instituted in the Marine Corps.  
Another aspect of my brief that most often provokes thought is when I discuss the RV scale and averages.  
The scope of RV runs from 80 to 100. The average of every RS is 90. Approximately half of all observed fitness reports written are below average, mathematically.  
In the “CUM RV,” cumulative relative value box on the Master Brief Sheet, it is rare to have all of a Marine’s fitness reports score above 90 – average being 90 – throughout his or her career.  
Notice I said career. I did not say tour, billet, deployment or what have you.  
If a RS does three reports or three hundred reports, half will be below 90. Keep in mind there are four reporting occasions that do not establish RV: end of service, not observed, academic, and extended.  
For the upcoming staff sergeant’s board convening July 19, and all forthcoming boards, RV will be looked at through a different set of glasses. Instead of only having above average and below average, RV will be categorized in thirds; lower range

80-87, middle range 87-93, and upper range 93-100.  
Section I indirectly affects RV. For instance, a statement similar to the following is often found in Section I: “This SSgt/Capt is the best SSgt/Capt I have had the pleasure of serving with in my career.”  
Being the “best” ever observed equates to something mathematically specific on the MBS. This statement alone automatically qualifies this report to be the highest report ever written by the RS compared to all other SSgt’s/Capt’s. Often times, quite frequently actually, it does not.  
We see this specific type of report hovering around the RS’s average. If the SSgt/Capt is at the RS’s average, regardless of the language used in Section I, the report does not equate to being the best. The RS’s numbers clearly articulate this. The difference between being the best in Section I and average mathematically on the MBS, is, well, you get the picture.  
This not only creates degradation in the PES, but it also creates unnecessary work for a selection board member because the numbers, RV, and language used in Section I do not match. It is difficult at best to make an informed decision as a board member on a promotion package when there are inconsistencies such as this.  
If the MRO is the “best ever,”

this report should be reflective in the RS High category on the MBS. Sometimes it is, many times it is not. When this occurs, both the credibility of the RS’s reporting abilities and the worth of the fitness report itself are put into question.  
We want to avoid authoring fitness reports with a calculator. Fitness reports should be written using the 14 definitions and 42-scaled measurements that make up the performance evaluation.  
Marking philosophy is simple: Read the scaled measurements beginning with B on all ranks and when a Marine Reported On stops being defined, drop down and mark appropriately.  
When a RS says, “I’m just a tough grader ...” when providing a copy of the report to the MRO, this tells me the RS did the performance evaluation by marking where the RS thinks the MRO should be marked without reading any of the 56 areas that describe performance.  
If you marked the fitness report by defining the MRO, you’re not a “tough grader,” you’re an accurate grader. There is a huge difference between the two. How can you be a tough grader when all the answers are provided? Read, define, and mark. Over time, a RS’s curve would appear naturally. Of course, the more a RS authors fitness reports, the more defined the curve will become.

To MRO’s, before you have an aneurysm because you think the report you just received is too low, ask to see the RS’s profile and have the RS explain to you exactly how you fall out against all others in your rank. This will give a clearer picture of how you as a MRO will appear to a selection board member. It will also show you that a “below average” fitness report, mathematically, can also be a dynamite fitness report based off of the language used in Section I.  
**Education is the key.**  
Our order, MCO P1610.7E, PES, states that it is the command’s responsibility for education. I just hope the education that the commands are providing is within the spirit and intent of the order and not “what I was taught at my first command.”  
Every aspect of information in this article has been gleaned from both enlisted and officer board after-action hot washes. It is uncanny the similarities between enlisted and officer boards regarding performance evaluations. Nothing in this article was either enlisted specific or officer specific. It is 100 percent fitness report specific.  
  
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## USMC PRIMER

# Many know our story; few really get it



BY CPL. JESS LEVENS  
*Chevron staff*

Who are we, and what do we do?  
The answer’s simple, right?  
We’re the Marines, and we win battles.  
Unfortunately, it’s not that simple. While winning battles is our MO, it’s not who we are or what we do – with exception to those in combat zones.  
A couple months ago, I was talking to a high school friend back in Texas, and she asked what I was up to. I told her I’m a Marine.  
“So you’re in the Army?” she asked. “What do you do? I don’t really understand.”  
That’s when it hit me: A lot of people don’t know what we actually do on a daily basis, and some don’t even know that the services are different. My press chief donated blood last Thursday, and during some small talk, the medical assistant mentioned that her brother is a Marine. He asked her what her brother does, and she had no idea. He was an officer or something.  
So check it out.  
I’m going to tell you who we are. We are Marines, not soldiers. The Army is made of soldiers, but the Marine Corps is made of Marines. People in the Navy are sailors, and the Air Force personnel are called airmen.  
More often than not, if you call a Marine a soldier, he will be offended, and he might retort accordingly. This is because in boot camp, our drill instructors engrain into our bald heads the fact that we are Marines, not soldiers. It’s a pride issue. Marines regard the Marine Corps higher than the other services. We gruel through the longest, most difficult basic training of all our country’s armed forces to earn that title, and to be called anything less won’t do.  
Personally, if someone calls me a soldier, I don’t take offense, because I know they don’t know any better. Sometimes I’ll explain the difference, but sometimes I let it slide. They mean no harm. Even my dad still calls me a soldier sometimes.  
Now comes the “What do you do?” question. The answer is simple but somewhat hard to explain. The general

*‘If someone calls me a soldier, I don’t take offense ... they don’t know any better. Even my dad still calls me a soldier sometimes.’*

assumption is that service members just march around all day with guns. After all, Marines are riflemen first. We shoot stuff and blow stuff up. We win battles.  
While that is true to an extent, a military base is like it’s own little utopia – a self sufficient little city with police, firemen, a newspaper and even a mayor. The mayor of course is the commanding general. Marines, and all service members, actually have jobs they perform to make their little cities run smoothly. We have lawyers, administrative clerks, construction workers, cooks and even artists. When I go out with my friend Cpl. Yuri Schneider, people find it hard to believe that his job in the Marine Corps is drawing pictures.  
What do I do? I am a storyteller – with my words and with my pictures. My mission is to tell the Marine Corps’ story

to the masses. I work for this newspaper, and I’m a professional journalist and photographer. Marines have more skills than just trooping around in the dirt with rifles. Don’t get me wrong, I can get down and dirty when it’s called for. The silver crossed rifles on my chest means I can shoot an enemy from 500 yards away, without hesitation. But I’m in garrison, not a war zone.  
That leads me to address a very wrong general misconception the public often has about us. Some folks think service members are dumb rejects who had no other choice or skills – the forsaken who couldn’t quite make it to college. Call me a soldier before you label me this way. Marines are smart men and women who selflessly serve to preserve America’s freedom. We have big hearts and big minds. My job training alone puts me a few credits shy of an associate’s degree, and many Marines are in the same boat. I know enlisted Marines with master’s degrees.  
Now that I’ve given you the inside scoop on us, I hope these assumptions vanish. If you have questions, please ask. We will gladly answer. We want you to know who we are and what we are about. And tell your friends. We are here to serve you in more capacities than just on the battlefield.



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Brig. Gen. John M. Paxton Jr., depot commanding general, addresses guests at a welcome reception before the concert and recognizes reception and concert organizers, volunteers and performers.



Lance Cpl. Paul Miller plays piano.



Staff Sgt. Sean Schmidlin plays trombone behind other brass musicians.



Cpl. Michael Thorson, left, and Lance Cpl. Jarod Butts psyche up for a drumline performance.



Chief Warrant Officer Edward M. Hayes conducts Marine Band San Diego during a sunset concert Saturday at Pendleton Hall. The theme "American Composers" showcased selections other than the band's typical marching music.

**MARINE BAND SAN DIEGO**

# Uncommon virtuosos

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Marine Band San Diego players drifted from the usual John Phillips Sousa tunes they play almost every Friday at graduations for their annual sunset concert Saturday.

Chief Warrant Officer Edward M. Hayes, band officer, and Master Sgt. Daniel W. Price, depot bandmaster, chose "American Composers" for this year's theme.

Bandsmen played pieces from American time periods, and a narrator told the songs' history.

Brig. Gen. John M. Paxton Jr., depot commanding general, hosted a welcome reception at Butler Gardens before joining Marines, recruits and civilian guests for the performance.

The band played until sundown and exited with Taps and cannon fire.



Marines, civilians and recruits gathered at Pendleton Hall, where Marine Band San Diego traditionally performs its annual concerts.



Platoon 2094 guide Recruit Timothy Williams, Company F, waits for the show as Brig. Gen. John M. Paxton Jr., left, walks to the concert venue with wife Debbie and aide de camp Capt. Nathan C. Woellhof.



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**COMPANY CURIOSITIES** Here's how men from Charlie Company answered Chevron's questions about their interests and boot camp experiences:

**Q: What was your worst civilian job?**



**Pfc. Marcy Sanchez**  
El Paso, Texas

**A:** Toys "R" Us — too many kids running around.

**Q: What was the funniest moment in training?**



**Pfc. Nathan D. Harris**  
Broken Arrow, Okla.

**A:** We were told to open our mouths, and every recruit literally opened his mouth.

**Q: What's the first thing you'll do back home?**



**Pfc. Anthony J. Heath**  
Houston

**A:** Go to an Astros game and get some nachos.



Platoon 1081 recruits Pvt. Paul Arevalo, left, studies with Pvt. Manuel G. Armendariz Jr. in preparation for a final written examination. Lance Cpl. Dorian Gardner/Chevron

<p><b>Platoon 1085</b> <b>COMPANY HONOR MAN</b> Lance Cpl. K. S. Williamson Indianapolis Recruited by Staff Sgt. C. Dangel</p>	<p><b>Platoon 1081</b> <b>SERIES HONOR MAN</b> Pfc. R. C. Verbois Houston Recruited by Staff Sgt. J. C. Antoine</p>	<p><b>Platoon 1082</b> <b>PLATOON HONOR MAN</b> Pfc. S. A. Coleman Dallas Recruited by Sgt. N. A. Mota</p>	<p><b>Platoon 1083</b> <b>PLATOON HONOR MAN</b> Pfc. R. C. Brown Palmdale, Calif. Recruited by Staff Sgt. A. Alverado</p>
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Pfc. J. H. Hendley Jr.  
Pvt. B. L. Holland  
Pfc. C. A. Lockman  
Pvt. A. C. Meade  
Pvt. M. A. Mosser  
Pvt. J. N. Parra  
Pvt. M. J. Sanders

Pvt. S. C. Sangalang  
Pvt. B. W. Scriff  
Pvt. P. M. Skinner  
Pvt. M. D. Smith  
Pvt. S. C. Smith IV  
\*Pfc. T. Thompson  
\*Pfc. A. R. Thornton  
Pvt. M. L. Trahern  
Pvt. J. A. Tristan Valerio  
Pvt. P. J. Trovato Jr.  
Pvt. M. M. Unpingco  
Pvt. J. M. Vallejo  
Pvt. D. A. Ward  
Pvt. K. C. Waters  
Pvt. B. N. Weaver  
Pvt. A. M. Weiper  
Pfc. A. W. Whittenbaugh  
Pvt. J. L. Wiesinger  
Pvt. R. A. Wilkie Jr.  
Pvt. D. L. Williams  
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Pvt. D. J. Willis  
Pvt. A. E. Wiss

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Staff Sgt. F. J. Suniga  
Staff Sgt. C. R. Pancake  
Sgt. J. L. Conner

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Pvt. J. M. Gordon  
Pfc. J. Hernandez  
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Pvt. K. W. March  
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Pvt. R. G. Robinson  
Pfc. S. D. Rogers  
Pvt. J. A. Sabater  
Pvt. J. C. Saelee  
Pvt. D. R. Sanchez  
Pvt. M. J. Sands  
Pvt. B. M. Schelske  
Pfc. J. A. Schwarck  
Pfc. G. E. Self  
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Pfc. D. L. Slackhouse  
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Brothers in allied arms

by Pfc. CHARLIE CHAVEZ  
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A young Brit immigrant, enamored by America, wanted to be a U.S. Marine infantryman, and today, his parents are proud to have two service member sons, one serving in the British army.

"I would go as far as saying that I was born in the wrong country," said Pvt. Dudley A. Ward, Platoon 1085, Company C. "I should have been an American."

Despite his love for America, he still behaves like an Englishman, from his deep accent to his dining habits.

"He has to eat a pastry with every meal," said one of Ward's drill instructors, Sgt. Adam N. Davison. "I hate it. Even before the final (physical fitness test) when we told all the recruits it was a bad idea to eat pastries, he had to have one."

Ward has embraced America since finishing his required schooling in England at 16. He said making friends and fitting in were easy because the nation is very open-minded to all nationalities and races.

Ward said he happily joined his mother and stepfather in the United States, but after graduating from Marina High School in Huntington Beach, Calif., he faced an important decision.

"My stepfather needed to move to the Czech Republic because of his job. So my parents asked me if I wanted to go with them or stay in America."

His decision to stay in America was easy. As a graduate living alone in the United States, Ward got a job as a mall security guard while waiting to become a permanent resident, which he earned in February with help from his stepfather's green card.

Living alone, Ward flew an American flag at home before work, and he retired the colors upon his return. Ward's mother, Audrey A. Muir, said he wanted to display it overnight but could not light it properly.

"He knew things about the American flag that my American friends didn't know," she said.

Caring for the flag is one portion of Ward's devotion.

The choice to enter the armed forces was easy for Ward, who grew up following his stepbrother, British Army Maj. Tim Muir, Royal Logistics Corps, Airborne.

Brig. Gen. Carl B. Jensen

PARADE REVIEWING OFFICER

Brig. Gen. Carl B. Jensen currently serves as the Commander, Expeditionary Strike Group Three; Commander, Marine Corps Air Bases Western Area; Commanding General, Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, Calif.

He graduated from Northern Illinois University with a Bachelor of Science degree in journalism, and also holds a Master of Science degree in national security strategy from the National War College, Washington, D.C. He was commissioned a second lieutenant in 1975 through the Platoon Leaders Course.

After completing The Basic School, Quantico, Va., Brig. Gen. Jensen entered flight train-



Pfc. Charlie Chavez/Chevron

Ward's brother has fought in the first Gulf War and Operation Iraqi Freedom. He also served in operations in Macedonia and Rwanda, according to Audrey.

"Dudley always had an interest in the armed services," said stepfather David S. Muir. "He was never afraid of weapons or being in front of a conflict."

As the second son to join the military, parents Audrey and David respect the

decisions and stand behind their sons.

"We are incredibly proud to have a son in both services," said David Muir. "We definitely have a fear of either of them being in harm's way, but the chance that they could be side-by-side working together in the same operation or country would make us extremely proud."

Said Audrey: "Having one son who is enlisted and another who is an officer is

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— David Muir,  
parent of service members  
in America and Great Britain



Courtesy of David and Audrey Muir

(Left) Pvt. Dudley A. Ward, Platoon 1085, Company C, recently became a U.S. Marine. His step-brother (above) is British Army Maj. Tim. Muir.

different. We hope that because Dudley is enlisted, he will not be in harm's way more than Tim, but I won't let my emotions get to me ... Every mother with a son in the military has fear."

She understands her sons' devotion to duty: "There was never any question of either of my sons' agendas. They joined to serve their country. They are both very prepared for active duty."

Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 461 as the intelligence officer for an amphibious deployment to Norway, and upon return received orders to 2nd Battalion, 4th Marines in Okinawa, Japan, where he served as the air liaison officer and Headquarters and Service Company commander.

Returning from overseas, he attended Amphibious Warfare School from 1981 to 1982, and was then reassigned to the 2nd MAW where he served in HMLA-167, Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 365, HMM-261, and MAG-26 Headquarters. During this tour, he graduated from the Marine Aviation Weapons and Tactics Squadron-1 Weapons & Tactics Instructor Course and held numerous billets including flight line officer, assistant operations officer, operations officer, and group weapons and tactics officer.

From 1987 through 1990, he attended the Armed Forces Staff College, and was subsequently assigned to the department of aviation in the aviation branch, programs, and budget branch, Headquarters Marine Corps. During 1990 and 1991, he deployed with MAG-50 as the weapons and tactics officer in support of Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm. In the wake of the conflict, he was assigned alternately as the executive officer and commanding officer of HMLA-367, and he also served as the aviation combat element commander of Special Purpose Marine Air Ground Task Force (Philippines) during the U.S. withdrawal from Naval Air Station Subic Bay.

After squadron command, he became the executive officer of MAG-39 and then attended the National War College from 1995

to 1996. Following school, he was assigned to the Joint Staff Pentagon, as the strategic plans branch chief in the J-5 Strategy Division. In 1998, he received orders to 3rd MAW Headquarters, and subsequently assumed command of MAG-39 from 1999 to 2001.

Following his MAG-39 command tour, Brig. Gen. Jensen returned to the Pentagon for assignment as the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Research, Development & Acquisition), Expeditionary Forces Programs.

He was then assigned as the Deputy Director for Operations, J-3, Joint Staff, in the National Military Command Center.

Brig. Gen. Jensen's personal decorations include two Defense Superior Service Medals, the Legion of Merit, two Meritorious Service Medals, the Air Medal with numeral "1", and three Navy Commendation Medals.



GRIDIRON



Petty Officer 3rd Class David Arrieta tackles G-3 wideout Lance Cpl. Jason L. Johnson in RTR's 26-7 victory. Pfc. Charlie Chavez/Chevron photos

HUT, HUT, YUT!



RTR, District soar as flag-football season kicks off

G-3's Cpl. R.W. "Rottweiler" Hill tries to cut the corner against a fast RTR defense, which allowed one touchdown in a dominating season opener.



BY PFC. CHARLIE CHAVEZ  
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Marines, sailors and Coast Guardsmen began the Commanding General's Cup flag football tournament here July 6.

Headquarters and Service Battalion's CPAC team forfeited its scheduled games against H&S's G-3 team and the Navy's Dental team, citing lack of players and a no-show in the first match-up.

Twelfth Marine Corps District beat Coast Guard's Pacific Area Tactical Law Enforcement Team 25-7 in an hour of running mouths and running bodies.

"In the first half, both teams were struggling to find their groove early," said Sgt. Stephen L. Standifird, District line-backer. "As we started to find it, we started to rock and roll."

Coast Guard quarterback Petty Officer 3rd Class Daniel Symonds threw a second-half interception to cornerback Sgt. Miguel Gutierrez, who returned for 10 yards.

District then moved downfield with quick give-and-go plays for 5 to 10 yards at a time. Once at the 10-yard line Coast Guard's goal-line stand forced a turnover on downs.

Coast Guard scored a desperation touchdown near the game's end.

In another game, District also beat Coast Guard's Maritime Safety and Security Team 25-7.

In more football action, Recruit Training Regiment defeated Headquarters and Service Battalion's G-3 team 26-7.

On G-3's first possession, quarterback Sgt. Edgar I. Villa, pressured in the pocket, threw an interception to RTR defensive end Staff Sgt. Michael S. Teachey, who returned it for a touchdown.

In retaliation, G-3's Lance Cpl. Jason L. Johnson intercepted RTR's extra-point attempt and ran it back 80 yards.

On the next drive, G-3 barreled for 40 yards, but turned possession over on downs.

RTR, led by 1st Sgt. Dathan Edwards,

WEEK 1	
G-3 (H&S)	1
CPAC (H&S)	*0
Dental	1
CPAC (H&S)	*0
District	25
PACTAC (Coast Guard)	7
District	25
MSST (Coast Guard)	7
RTR	26
G-3(H&S)	7
*Forfeit	

went right to work and scored at will, but G-3 wide receiver Sgt. Michael J. Gonzales scored a 15-touchdown reception to avoid a shutout.

"If they didn't have Edwards, then they wouldn't have a team," said Villa.

Said Edwards: "As soon as I lose my step, I will give it up, but I love beating up on the young guys."